

Seafood Market

Market By The Bay
29145 Highway 98, Daphne

621-9994

If you're not successful in catching anything, these folks can help you out. Fresh fish and seafood-to cook or to carry, and they also serve it up - ready to eat.

Tune into FM Talk 106.5
Thursday Mornings at 7:45 am for Fishing
Report

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Marinas

- City of Fairhope Pier & Marina** 928-2136
West end of Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope, AL
- Fairhope Yacht Club** 928-8888
101 Volanta Avenue, Fairhope, AL 36532
- Lake Forest Yacht Club** 626-9329
One Golf Terrace, Daphne, AL 36526
- Grand Hotel Marriott Marina** 928-9201
One Grand Boulevard, Point Clear, AL 36564

Piers

- City of Fairhope Pier** - west end of Fairhope Avenue. Free, quarter-mile long pier with restrooms, drink machines & a covered area.
- Pier Avenue & Mobile Street** on Scenic 98 in Fairhope - No fee.
- Orange Avenue & Mobile Street** on Scenic 98 in Fairhope - No fee.
- May Day Park** - west end of College Street in Daphne. No fee.
- Blakeley State Park** - Highway 225 in Spanish Fort. Two observations decks on the Tensaw River - Fee.
- Meaher State Park** - east end of Battleship Parkway in Spanish Fort (Exits 30 or 35 off I-10) - Fee
- Corps of Engineers pier** on Battleship Parkway at Exit 30 off I-10 - No fee.
- Battleship Park pier** on Battleship Parkway at Exits 27 & 30 off I-10 - Fee.

Boat Launches

- 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center**
Across from Meaher State Park on the Causeway
- Battleship Parkway Launches**
Corps of Engineers Area, Meaher State Park.

Daphne Launches

May Day Park & Pier

Fairhope Launches

Fairhope Municipal Park & Pier, Mobile Street & Pier Avenue, Mobile Street & Orange Avenue

Point Clear Launches

Mary Ann Beach Park at Mullet Point on County Road 1, Palmetto Creek Boat Ramp, Scenic Highway 98, Viewpoint at end of County Road 1

Spanish Fort

Byrnes Lake on Highway 225 @ .3 mile beyond 9-mile marker, Cliff's Landing - Handicapped accessible on Highway 225

Boats, Marine Equipment Services & Supplies

- L&M Marine, LLC** 937-1380
41840 State Highway 225, Bay Minette, AL 36507
- Safe Harbor Mini Storage, LLC** 625-2590
31756 Buzbee Road, Spanish Fort, AL 36527
- Sportsman Marine & Outdoor Center** 928-2244
PO Box 1282, Fairhope, AL 36533

Tours & Charters

- Capt. Dan Kolenich** 626-7175
Fish or sightsee in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, Mobile Bay & Coastal Waters; Orvis endorsed fly fishing guide.
- Capt. Sonny Dean** 689-3612
Crooked Hook Fishing Charters, LLC
Deep Sea, Bay & Rivers crookedhookcharters@yahoo.com
P.O. Box 2062, Fairhope, AL 36533
- Delta Airboat Express** 370-7089
Eco-touring at its best, night trips available, gator sightings. Leaves from Original Oyster House.
- Delta Explorer** 626-0798
Operates group tours of Mobile/Tensaw Delta; covered boat, bench seats & restrooms on board; Blakeley State Park in Spanish Fort.
- Making Waves Charters & The Joshua** 443-9463 or 209-1168

Fishing, sailing touring & private parties. One to forty-nine passengers. Trips to historic Middle Bay Lighthouse. Boats - 22'-72'.

Historic Lighthouses

Middle Bay Lighthouse (circa 1885) is located in the middle of Mobile Bay just south of Point Clear and is accessible only by boat. Can be seen with binoculars from the beachfront at Marriott's Grand Hotel.

Sand Island Lighthouse (circa 1863) is located south of Fort Morgan & east of Mobile Bay. Union soldiers hid in this lighthouse to spy on Fort Morgan during the Civil War. Accessible by boat only, but can be seen by binoculars from the beachfront at Fort Morgan.

Ferry

Mobile Bay Ferry 861-3000
Departures begin at 8:00 a.m. on Dauphin Island and at 8:45 a.m. at Fort Morgan and continue until 6:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. respectively except during November-February. During these months, the last departure time is 5:00 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. respectively. Rates range from \$25 per car one way to \$100 per bus. Passengers are also charged a maximum of \$3 per person. Please call for a more detailed rate schedule

Fishing Licenses

Fresh and saltwater licenses are required by the State of Alabama. Combination fresh and saltwater: \$24.50; saltwater \$16; freshwater \$9.50. Seven-day short term license \$6; disabled \$1, residents 65+ exempt. Out-of-state costs vary. Fishing licenses are available at: Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries office at f Rivers Delta Center, 5093 Battleship Parkway, Spanish Fort, 626-5153; Wal-Mart Supercenter Wal-Mart Drive off Highway 98, Daphne 626-0923; Fairhope Satellite Courthouse, Fairhope Avenue 928-3002; Licenses by Phone 1-888-848-6887.

Jubilee!!!

A Jubilee is an extremely rare phenomenon that occurs on the Eastern Shore during the summer. Old timers say that they can predict a Jubilee, but there is really no way of knowing when changes in temperature and oxygen levels in Mobile Bay will drive fish, shrimp, crabs and other bounty onto the beach. Folks are awakened during the wee hours of the morning by the cries of "Jubilee!! It's a Jubilee!" If you happen on a Jubilee, be sure to bring a net, gig and bucket to scoop up as much fresh lunch or dinner as you can carry!